GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services- Fisheries Department - Allegations against Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru has failed to discharge his legitimate duties to get the bank statements and reconcile the amounts and also failed to maintain cash books – Common disciplinary proceedings were initiated under Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991- Initiation of Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEV. & FISHERIES (DY. & VIG.)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 110 **Dated:12.04.2024.**

Read:

G.O Rt No.105, AHDD&F(Dy.&Vig.)Dept., Dt.12.04.2024

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ORDER:-

In continuation to the orders issued in the reference read above,it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru has failed to discharge his legitimate duties to get the bank statements and reconcile the amounts and also failed to maintain cash books in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The statement of articles of charges and statement of imputations of misconduct and mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Annexures I&II. A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in Annexures III & IV.

3. Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of charge.

5. Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru is invited to Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that above said Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluruis aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of the G.O shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru **through the** Commissioner of Fisheries, AP., Vijayawada
Copy to:
The Commissioner of Fisheries, AP., Vijayawada(with a request to serve the order & obtain the dated acknowledgement and furnish the same).
Sc/Sf.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

(Annexure to G.O Rt No.110, AHDD&F(Dy.&Vig.)Dept., Dt.12.04.2024.)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.CHANDRASEKHAR, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES (FAC), ELURU WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, ELURU

That Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru in the said capacity committed irregularities in as much as:

Article of Charge:

That the said Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru has failed to discharge his legitimate duties to get the bank statements and reconcile the amounts. He has also failed to maintain cash books. Had he properly checked the bank transactions, cash book etc., the misappropriation of Government funds would not have happened.

Thus, Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru by his above mentioned acts, exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of Government Servant in violation to the provisions under rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.CHANDRASEKHAR, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES (FAC), ELURU WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, ELURU

Vide letter No. 794/A2/2021 dt:2.7.2021 has submitted that upon verifying each and every bank's statement, it is found that an amount of Rs.4,12,87,500/- has been misappropriated in the O/o Joint Director of Fisheries, Eluru and furnished the details.

Keeping in view of the track record of Late Sri S.Padmanabha Murthy, it is suspected that the signatures of the joint Director of Fisheries worked at different period were forged and misused the office funds including the fixed deposits.

In the report dt:01.07.2021 of the Accounts Officer O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, AP, Vijayawada stated that the records verified from 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2021 of the O/o Joint Director of Fisheries, Eluru and also stated that the JDF, Eluru has failed to obtain the monthly bank statements and reconcile the amounts. He failed to maintain cash books properly.

As per the information furnished by the Joint Director of Fisheries, Eluru vide his letter Rc.No.794/A4/2021 dt: 08.09.2022, Sri A. Chandrasekhar, worked as Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru from 23.09.2020 to 11.06.2021.

In view of the report of the JDF, Eluru and Accounts Officers O/o the CoF, AP, Vijayawada during the tenure of Sri A.Chandrasekhar worked as Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru the following amounts were misappropriated.

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Cheque No.	Date	Amount (Rs.)
1	K.Srinivas, Eluru	000010	24.09.2020	11,93,000.00
2	Sri VijayaKiran Biotech, Eluru			10,83,500.00
3	K.Srinivas, Kataripeerraju, KovvuluruRaju, Kuna Bupathi Kumar	000773	06.11.2020	9,75,000.00

As per Fisheries Departmental Manual, the District Fisheries Officer is the Drawing and Disbursing Officer. It is the primary duty of the Drawing and Disbursing Officer to check and sign every day on the cash book.

Being a Drawing and Disbursing Officer, he failed to make proper checks in accounts matters i.e., to verify the cash books, cheque books, FDS and to reconcile with the bank statements every month. Had he properly checked the bank transactions, cash book etc., the misappropriation of Government funds would not have happened. Due to slackness and shirking from responsibilities the incident was occurred.

Thus, Sri A.Chandrasekhar, the then Joint Director of Fisheries (FAC), Eluru, West Godavari District presently working as Deputy Director of Fisheries, Eluru by his above mentioned acts, exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of Government Servant in violation to the provisions under rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the charge.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.CHANDRASEKHAR, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES (FAC), ELURU WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, ELURU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. JDF, Eluru letter No. 794/A2/2021 dt:02.07.2021.
2. Accounts Officer O/o the CoF,AP, Vijayawada report dt:01.07.2021.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRIA.CHANDRASEKHAR, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES (FAC), ELURU WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, ELURU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

-NIL-

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